

# Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS



2006



**Mike, WB6TMH, and Dick, KF6FZM, operating Field Day Stations at Maxwell Park June 24 and 25**

## **FROM THE TOP**

The July Meeting is at the Sonoma Police Recreation area behind the station. Bring the family or guest. All is provided, HOWEVER, a request for DESSERTS was suggested. 6:30

pm is arrival time, with hamburgers coming off the grill as fast as you all arrive. WE WILL SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Our infamous Ed Caine, KA6OFR, is in the hospital. He is OK! Should be coming home

this week. We wish him a quick recovery.

AUGUST, VOMARC IS TAKING A VACATION, so to speak, NO MEETING - NO NEWSLETTER, NET will be as usual. I am net control for August. Net will be every Wednesday for August only. The regular meeting night, Wednesday, August 16, will be an Elmer night to help VOMARC members wanting to upgrade have a final study session to prepare for the VE session the following Saturday, August 19, starting at 9 am at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center.

WATCH FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWS LETTER!

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

See you there.  
Dan, KG6LJN. President

"The official ACS uniform is the orange vest, hat and nothing else."  
N6KM

### **FIELD DAY 2006**

Just a short report on Field Day.

VOMARC was able to set up the portable tower with Jim's old, a military surplus sectional push-up with Sanford's Spider beam on 20 meters, and a Windom for multi-band use, solar panels, and three radios, and were on the air at the start of Field Day at 11 am.

We made a lot of contacts, ate some good food, had a wonderful time, and all went home tired and happy.

And we'll do it again next year.  
The end.

### **VOMARC MINUTES JUNE 21, 2006**

Meeting was called to order at 7:40PM There were 24 in attendance.

Introductions were made.

A copy of the club roster was passed around for members to check and add or corrected their contact information.

The May minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

The treasurer was absent due to a city council meeting where he was helping one of our members with an antenna problem. The report in the newsletter on the amount currently in the bank is correct.

ACS report was given when Ken, N6KM, arrived after the city council meeting. The club participation as communication for the Fourth of July parade was reviewed. We were reminded this is an ACS event and we work for the Police Department. Hierarchy of command was reviewed. Ken reports to the Chief of Police and all ACS members report to Ken. Uniform review was done. The old Sonoma police department uniforms are not to be worn.

The official ACS uniform is the orange vest and our badges (the ACS hats are acceptable). Volunteers for the parade will receive their assignments via e-mail. It is unknown at this time whether there will be the usual BBQ at the police station after the parade.

#### Old Business:

Field Day is this week end, June 24 and 25th. Jim Hill, K6UUW is the coordinator. there will be three stations with emergency power so we will be operating as 3A as usual. There will also be a "get on the air" station which gives the club extra points and allows new techs and non hams to get on the air and get a feel for ham radio. The hex beam antenna was used at the open house at Sonoma Skypark Airport last week end and worked well. It is planned to use it again at Field Day. We will also have the windom from the police department, a G5RV, and the club trailer with the TA 33 on it. The G5RV will probably be used for the "get on the air" station.

We will use the club radio, Jim will bring his radio and we need two more rigs, all with anderson power pole connections. There were two volunteers to bring radios. Darrell, WD6BOR, will be in charge of food. There will be a BBQ for dinner with the club supplying the meat and members doing potluck for the side dishes and desserts. The club also gets extra points for an ARRL information desk open to the public. Joan, W6WXU,

reviewed the county park rules that pertain to use of county parks and our field day event.

The club voted to maintain the domain name VOM.COM as well as VOM.ORG.

New Business: The July meeting will be a BBQ at the police department.

There will be an adjustment in the August meeting. More information will follow.

We need net control volunteers for November and December.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM

The program was presented by Adam McLaughlin from radio station KPH. His presentation was on the history of KPH which was originally the RCA Corporation's telegraphy station based in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco in 1919. It was moved to Bolinas, CA, and became the largest maritime message center on the west coast. It is being restored by the Maritime Historical Society. The station will have its annual open house called Night of Nights on July 12, 2006, which commemorates the last message transmitted from the station before it was officially closed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Brady, W6WXU  
Secretary

## THE VOMARC WIRELESS

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### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Dan Sorrick, KG6LJN – President

Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL- Vice-President

Joan Brady, W6WXU – Secretary

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – Treasurer

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Mike Miller, WB6TMH – Radio Officer

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – ACS

Jan Bush, AE6FQ – Webmeister

Joel Nadler, NN6J – VE Liaison

Jim Hill, K6UUW, Elmer Coordinator

Darrel Jones, WD6BOR – Editor

***Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.***

**CLUB MEETINGS** are held on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge, and the Sonoma Fire Station, 630 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West, Sonoma. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

### WEB PAGE:

<http://www.vomarc.org/>

**Nets** are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

**ACS** holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

**PACKET STATION INFO:** The VOMARC packet station is on 144.910 as “SNV1EC”. “SNVGW” can be used as a gateway digipeating on 223.66 MHz. The node name is “SNVND”.

**CLUB BREAKFASTS** are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa’s Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

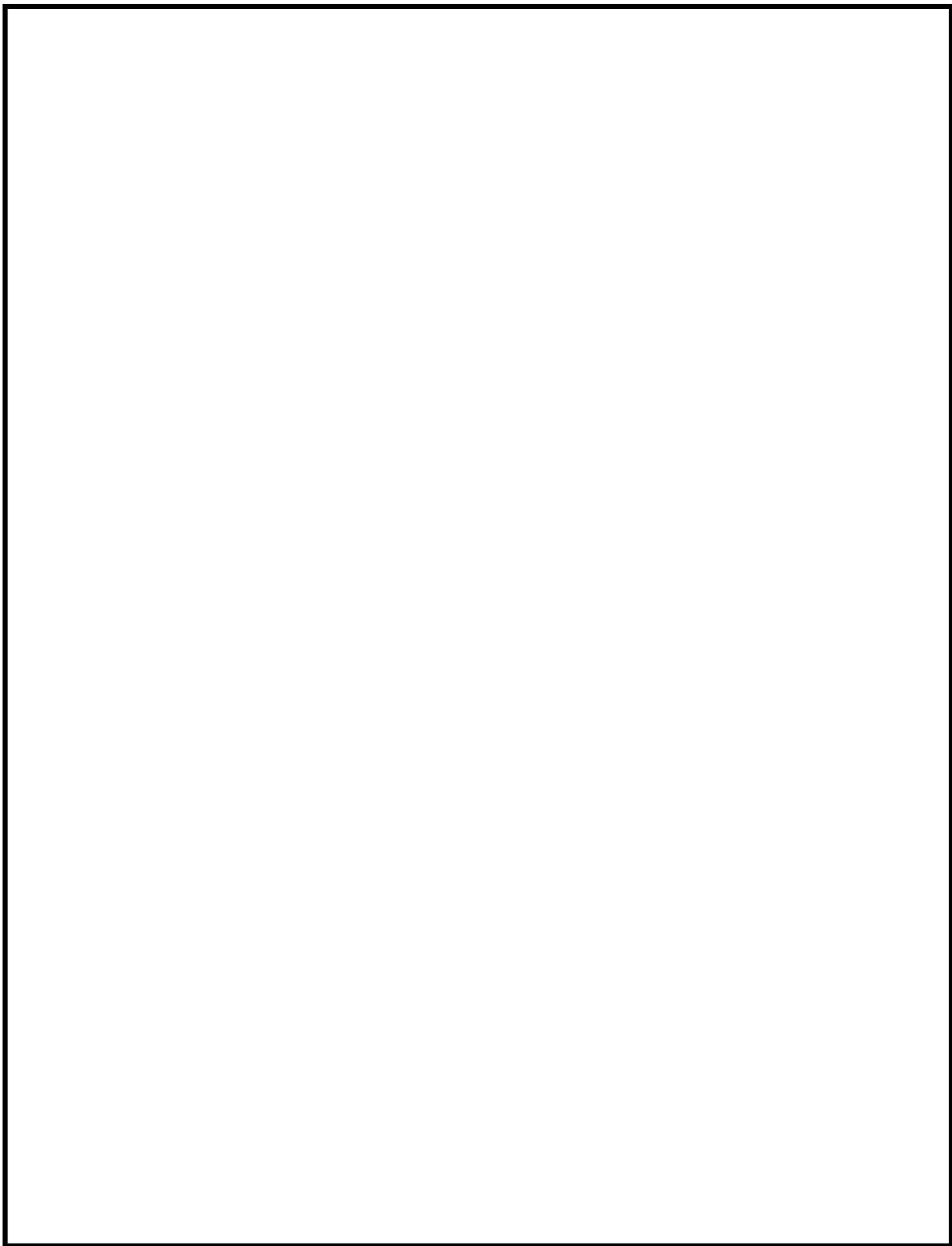
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**NOTICE!!! THE JULY VOMARC MEETING IS WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 19, AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE SONOMA POLICE  
STATION, 175 FIRST STREET WEST  
CU THERE!**

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**VOMARC MEMBERSHIP**

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**VOMARC 2006**      Membership Dues:      \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

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**Membership Moment, From the Database Queen**

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Ken N6KM, 402 Fourth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**